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## **March 30**

Since the start of the corona virus my life has seriously changed. From not being able to actually attend my college classes to having to move back home with my parents. It's been hard adjusting to being back home after all of these things with the virus started happening. When the first case was assumed to be in Jacksonville, I came home that day and I have been home since then.

Since coming home, I have not left my house except to go to work. I work at a fast food job so we are considered essential workers right now. Because of this I still go into work four to five days out of the week and today I went in 11 am to 4 pm before I went into work though I had to get up and participate in my Biology class that started at 8:45 and ended at 9:45. After that class I got ready and went into work and then I came home and spent the next two hours doing homework and taking fifteen minute breaks every now and then. After that I would go eat supper with my family and then go watch Netflix and go to sleep.

## **April 1**

For today I didn't have to work so I just stayed at home all day I got up at 8:40 and logged into my account so I could attend my Biology class. After that class I decided to go downstairs and eat some cereal for breakfast and then. Go back upstairs and spend the next couple of hours just doing some more class work cause that's literally all I seem to do now. After this I went downstairs and sat in the deck swing for a little while.

When I went back inside, I decide to just go hang out with my little sister in her room until our parents got home. When they got home, I went downstairs and just talked with my mom while she made supper. We ate and then we just hung out in the kitchen for a little while. By this time, it was already 7:00 o'clock so I decided to just go upstairs and get ready for bed. After that I decided to call my best friend and talk to her for a couple hours and then it was around 9:30 or 10 when we finally got off the phone and I just decided to go to bed.

## **April 3**

Today's Sunday which means it's just another one of my work days. So, I started off my morning by getting up and doing some homework I had been needing to finish. I woke up around 8:30 so I had to hurry up though my homework and be done with it by 9:30. I had to do this because I needed to get ready and leave my house by 10 or 10-10 to make sure I got to work before 11. When I got to work it was around 10:40 so I ate some breakfast and then clocked in and started my shift. It was actually a pretty busy day even though we were supposed to be in quarantine. So, I was shocked by how many people were actually out during the day because of this.

All day at work we pretty much had a line wrapped around the building and orders just kept coming in. Finally, it rolled around to 3:30 and we just had to wait another 30 minutes for the night shift to get there. When they finally got there, I was allowed to clock out and go home. When I got home, I went straight upstairs and got a shower. After I got out of the shower I went and washed clothes and straightened up my room since it was getting a little messy. After that I went downstairs and ate supper with my family then I went back upstairs. When I got back to my room, I decided to watch some TikTok's and then head on to bed so I could get up for my class the next morning.

## **April 5**

Today I got up and remembered I did not have work so I decided to not get out of bed until 10. But I still had some homework to do this morning. I logged into my class and then after I was done with some of my homework I just laid in bed and watched some YouTube until

around 10:15 when I decided to get up and go make my sister and I some breakfast. When I finished making breakfast I went and woke her up then we ate breakfast together. We then just sat in the living room played some board games and watched some TV for the next hour or two.

After we were done playing games and watching TV, we decided to go to our own rooms cause I had to finish up some more of my class work. When I got to my room I logged into canvas and started on some of my class work and finished up a few assignments that were due soon. I decided to FaceTime my best friend since I had nothing else to do after that. So, I Face Timed her and we just stayed on the phone talking about random stuff for the next couple of hours. When we finally got off the phone with each other I decided to go ahead and get ready for bed. I then just watched some Netflix and talked to my boyfriend for the rest of the night.

### **April 7**

I woke up today around 9 and I realized I didn't have to go into work today so my little sister and I decided to just hang out together for most of the day. I got up from bed at 9 and went down and made breakfast and then went and woke my little sister up. We then went and ate breakfast after we ate, we washed all the dishes and then we went and decided to go sit on the deck and play with our dogs. We stayed outside just playing with the dogs and talking and just joking around with each other. We decided to go inside and watch some TV together.

After we got done watching TV we decided to go and play call of duty mobile for a little while together. We ended up playing for a couple of hours and we didn't even realize until our mom got home from work. When she got home, we checked the time and we decided we had been playing for way to long. So, we got off the game and I went and did some homework while my mom made supper for us. I finished up the rest of my homework that was due tonight. When I got done with that I went downstairs and helped my mom finish up supper and then we sat down and ate supper together. After supper we just sat around and talked with each other for a little while. Then I headed back up to my room and got ready for bed and then got into bed and just watched Netflix for a couple of hours. Then I ended up falling asleep while watching Netflix.

### **April 9**

I got up today around 8:30 and got up and took a test that I had to take today. When I finally finished it was around 9:40 so I went ahead and got up and went and made some breakfast. I went and ate my breakfast and then went and woke my little sister up for her class that she had in a little less than an hour. I then went and got ready to go to work and I had a little bit of time before I had to leave so I went and watched YouTube for a little while. I then ended up heading to work and when I got there I sat in the car with my best friend for a little while before we got out and headed into work.

When we got into work we checked where we were at and then started our shift. It was a pretty boring day today so we were sent home about thirty minutes early. So we left work and headed home when I got home I went up to my room and sanitized all of my stuff and then I headed back to my room to clean up. After I cleaned up my room some I went downstairs to see if my mom was home or not and she was so I decided to help her make supper that night. We fixed supper and then we called everybody in to eat and then we went and ate supper together. After supper I went to my room and just talked to my best friend on the phone for awhile and then I just decided to go ahead and head to bed.

### **April 11**

Today I had to get up and I was actually supposed to have woken up an hour ago because it was already 10:20. So I had to hop out of bed and hurry up and get ready cause I only had

about 10 minutes before I needed to be leaving my house. So, I rushed around my room to get dressed and ready to go to work and to get all of my stuff I would need for the day ready to go. I then rushed out of the house while forgetting my keys and phone. So, I had to run back inside and get them and it was already 10:35. So I rushed back down the stairs and got in the car and my best friend and I Richard to work. We shockingly made it to work on time and we had to rush inside before we were late.

We clocked in and started our shift again and it was a pretty normal day at work. Besides how many people were coming through drive thru all day. We finally finished our shift and we headed home we stopped and grabbed some food together and then headed home. When I got home, I sanitized everything that I had at work and then I went ahead and got ready for bed. After that I went downstairs and sat with my family while they ate supper. I decided to go ahead and go to bed since I was tired from work.

## **April 12**

Today's Easter! but it's going to be a little different this year because I don't get to spend it with my whole family. Usually for Easter my nieces will come over and we'll get them Easter baskets and then we'll go and help them hunt eggs. But this year we can't see them because of the corona virus so my little sister still wanted to hunt eggs. So, my parents woke us up at nine to go out and let her hunt eggs and then after we finished hunting eggs, we all went inside and ate breakfast. After that I went upstairs and started to get ready for work since I went in at eleven. When I got done getting ready, I headed into work with my best friend and we just had a slow day where we mainly just cleaned the whole time.

When we finally got off work at four, we headed home. When I got home, I went upstairs to do some homework I had to do still. After that I went down and ate supper with my family and we talked about how there were storms and tornados that we're supposed to hit tonight. So, they told me that I should be ready to go down to the basement tonight. I was on the overlook in our house going through some of my stuff that was in boxes when the sirens started going off. So, my family and I grabbed the dogs and headed down to the basement to wait until we got the all clear. While we were waiting my little sister and I were Easter egg hunting on Snapchat because we had nothing better to do. It was about fifteen to twenty minutes later when we got the all clear.

So, my family and I all went back upstairs and just went about our normal night. It was still raining and storming pretty bad but the sirens were gone and we were in the all clear for now. I decided to get ready for bed and then I went and laid down and watched Netflix for an hour or so before I ended up falling asleep while watching it. It was around ten forty or so when my little sister started banging on my door saying the sirens were going off again. So, I had to get up and go to the basement and I just laid down there until we were good and I could go back to bed. When I was finally able to go back to bed, I didn't realize how badly these storms had affected my town.

## **April 13**

Today I woke up and I thought it would just be a normal one of my off days so I got up and got onto my Microsoft teams' class and after that was over, I went and ate breakfast. When I got done with breakfast I came upstairs and just sat in bed and decide to scroll through Facebook. That's when I saw how bad it really got last night one part of my town was flooded completely. There was water halfway up some parked cars that were at the gas station it was completely covering the road so nobody could get by. There was one restaurant that water was completely surrounding it was terrible.

My best friend ended up letting me know that the road we live on was closed off last night because the bridge that's on our road was covered in water because the river was over flowing. They tried to go the back way to go home but an officer told them the road was closed off because water from the creek was covering the road from that way. So, she ended up having to stay at her boyfriends because she wasn't able to get home. Luckily the roads were not as bad when we got up this morning.

### **April 15**

When I got up today, I had to get my stuff together for a test I had later today so I got up and set up all of my stuff. I then went downstairs and made my sister and I some breakfast before I had to go to work. So, I went and woke her up and then we went and ate breakfast together and then I got all of my stuff together so I could get ready for work. I got ready and called my friend and we headed to work. We ended up stopping and getting her breakfast because I was not dealing with her in a bad mood all day.

When we finally got to work, we clocked in and started our shift we ended up having to take a break not long after since we had a lot of overtime at work. So, we went on our thirty-minute break and just sat in the lobby and talked and watched TikTok's. After our thirty-minute break we went and clocked back in and started back working. Finally, four o'clock rolled around and it was time for us to head home. When I got home, I went ahead and got ready for bed and I fell asleep not to long after.

### **April 17**

Today was actually a pretty boring day for me I got up around 8:30 and did some school work. Then I went and made some breakfast for me and my sister we then ate the breakfast and we decided to make some cupcakes. So, we mixed the batter up and made some chocolate cupcakes and we had to do a couple of batches of those. We then made some yellow cake to since some of my family does not like chocolate. After we put all of the cupcakes in, we went and cleaned up my room since it was a disaster.

After we finished cleaning my room, we decide to go down stairs and finish the cupcakes. We got the frosting out and decided to pipe it onto the cupcakes. We then dipped them in crumbled up Oreos and then repeated this on all of the cupcakes. After we did that to all of the cupcakes, we added a worm so it would be dirt and worm cupcakes. We then cleaned up our mess and went and watched YouTube for the rest of the evening. Later that evening we went and ate supper with my family and I went and got ready for bed and fell asleep.

### **April 19**

Today I got up and had to go into work at 10 so I got up around nine and I had to hurry up and get ready before I had to head to work. After I was ready for work, I got my stuff together and then headed out to work. When I got to work my friend and I had time to sit down and eat breakfast together. So, we ate and then after we finished, we went and clocked in to start our shift. We worked until three that day and then we went and got some food and then headed home.

When I got home, I waited till my mom got off work and then I helped her cook supper. When we finished cooking supper, we waited till my step dad got home and then we ate supper all together. After that I went upstairs and got ready to go to bed. I watched some Disney plus with my little sister for a couple of hours and then we both decided that it was time for bed.

### **April 21**

Today I had to get up at 8:30 and get ready for work because I was scheduled at 10 today. I got up and got ready I was then ready by 9:10 and headed out to work when I got there it was

around 9:40 so I grabbed breakfast there. I just ate and talked to my best friend until it was time for us to clock in. When we started our shift, we didn't expect for it to be very busy since it was a Tuesday but we had a line pretty much all day. Which was not that bad for me because all I had to do was make sandwiches. Which happened to be my favorite position to be assigned at work since it was the most different.

This went on until around 1:30 when we started slowing down and we had time to just clean up and wait for the next rush to hit. By around 2:30 we were still dead so my manager sent me and my best friend home around 30 minutes earlier than we were supposed to. When I got home, I went and got a shower then went and just did some homework until my mom got home. When she got home, I drove us to the UPS store to send a package to one of my sisters. We then went back home and my sister Taty was there so my step dad could fix her car. She ended up just hanging out with us the rest of the day. We just talked and fought about who was taller it was me of course. We even had to get the tape measurer out and I was 3 inches taller than her. After that happened it was already pretty late and it was getting dark so she just decided to stay the night and head back home in the morning. I then decided to head up to my room and go ahead and go to sleep since it had been a long day.

### **April 23**

Around 7 this morning I woke up and had to get ready to go into work at 11. I decided to get up because I had work in some of my classes that I had to finish up. I woke up and just lie in bed for about an hour until I was actually fully awake. I then got out of bed and went and ate breakfast and decided to go ahead and get ready for work. When I was ready, I went back to my room and worked on some of my homework until around 10:25 when I decided to head downstairs. When I got downstairs, I headed to work and when I got there around 10:50 me and my best friend sat in the car for about 5 minutes and then we headed into work to clock in. When we clocked in, we went and saw what position we were working and then started our shift.

Finally, around 3:45 we ended up slowing down so we were able to finish stocking our stuff and we headed home when somebody took over. When I got home, I headed up and sanitized everything I had at work with me. Then I went and ate supper with my family and hung out with my sister for a little while before I decided to head up to my room. When I got to my room, I had to clean it up a little and after that I got in bed and just watched random stuff for a couple of hours. When I started to get tired, I decided to just watch some Netflix until I decided to fall asleep.

### **April 25**

Today was a pretty long and fun day it started off with me having to get up around 8:30 because I had work at 10. So, I had to get up and get ready to go into work. I was ready by around 9:10 because I did not want to get out of bed this morning. I left for work and when I got there, I ate breakfast with one of my friends then we clocked in and started working. It was a pretty good day at work we had a lot of people coming through all day though. Finally, when it was starting to die down it was already almost 3 o'clock so we hurried and stocked our stuff and decided to head home for the day. When we were leaving, I had to call my mom and let her know we were off and I asked if I could stay the night at my best friend's house.

My mom ended up letting me stay the night at her house because I work with her and her mom so I'm around them all the time anyway. So, I had to run home and get my stuff to stay the night and after I did that, we ran to her house so she could change. After she changed, we headed out to get some food since we hadn't eaten since breakfast and we were both starting to be in bad moods. We finally got our food and headed back to her house. When we got back, we decided to

play on her Nintendo switch and we ended up doing that most of the night. Finally, it was around midnight and we had to get up for work at 7 in the morning so we decided to go to bed so we wouldn't be too grumpy in the morning.

## **April 27**

Today I got up around 8:30 and I didn't have work today so all I had to do today was finish my last final. So, I actually got up around 10:30 and went and ate breakfast and woke my sister up before her virtual classes. I then went back to my room and just worked on my final for the rest of the day. I took breaks watching YouTube and Netflix and then I would get back to working on my final since it was due soon. I finally ended up finishing my final and my little sister and I decided to watch some TV together. After that we walked down our driveway to go get some packages out of the mailbox.

When we got the mail, we had to head back to the house up our long driveway. When we finally got back to the house, we had to spray all of the mail and packages with Lysol before we could bring them in the house. We then had to open them up in the garage since we usually left all boxes out in the garage because of corona. After we opened those packages we went inside and just watched TV for the rest of the day. Until my parents got home and they had brought in food for all of us. We then ate and I just headed upstairs and watched Netflix and then got ready for bed and I just watched YouTube until I fell asleep.

## **Description:**

In this Journal I explain what my life was like during the Quarantine of 2020 due to Covid19. I talk about how I have to work during this pandemic and what I was able to do during this pandemic. I explain how it affected my life during this time and my everyday life during this pandemic. During this time, I was a 19-year-old staying with my parents in Fort Payne, AL I was a Freshman in my second semester of college at Jacksonville State University when all of this happened and I was Majoring in Marine Biology.